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SUBJECT: SOVIET PROTEST ON SVALBARD FISHERY PROTECTION ZONE

REF: (A) OSLO 2722, (B) OSLO 2566

1. ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN OSLO GAVE NORWEGIAN
MINISTER FRYDENLUND A NOTE IN WHICH THE USSR PROTESTED NORWAY'S
ESTABLISHMENT OF A FISHERY PROTECTION ZONE (FPZ) AROUND SVALBARD
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(OSLO 2722). THE NOTE WAS DELIVERED ON THE DAY THE FPZ ENTERED
INTO EFFECT AND DURING NORWEGIAN LOS MINISTER EVENSEN'S DISCUSSIONS
IN MOSCOW OF FISHING IN THE DISPUTED BOUNDARY AREA BETWEEN THE TWO
COUNTRIES OVERLAPPED BY THEIR 200-MILE MAINLAND ECONOMIC ZONES.
THE SOVIET PROTEST ON THE FPZ IS UNDERSTOOD TO BE CONSISTENT WITH
THE USSR'S PREVIOUS NOTE IN 1970 PROTESTING NORWAY'S
ASSERTIONS THAT THE SHELF AROUND SVALBARD IS AN EXTENSION

OF THE NORWEGIAN MAINLAND SHELF AND THAT THE 1920 SVALBARD TREATY DOES NOT EXTEND TO THE SHELF AROUND SVALBARD. ACCORDING TO DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR LEGAL AFFAIRS IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ELIASSEN, THE SOVIET NOTE QUESTIONS NORWAY'S RIGHT UNDER THE 1920 TREATY UNILATERALLY TO ESTABLISH SUCH A ZONE WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATIONS. ANOTHER MFA SOURCE TOLD US THAT THE MOST RECENT SOVIET PROTEST CLOSELY PARALLELED THE PREVIOUS SOVIET DEMARCHE ON THE SUBJECT ISSUED LAST JANUARY (OSLO 105). ELIASSEN HAS PROMISED THE EMBASSY A COPY OF THE NOTE WHICH WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT UPON RECEIPT.

2. ELIASSEN SAYS THAT THE FISHING REGIME NORWAY CONTEMPLATES ESTABLISHING IN THE FPZ WAS REVIEWED FOR THE SOVIETS BY NORWEGIAN FISHERY OFFICIALS WHEN THEY AND EVENSEN WERE IN MOSCOW FOR FISHING TALKS IN MID JUNE (OSLO 2566). THE SOVIETS CONFINED THEMSELVES TO REFERRING TO THEIR NOTE ON THE FPZ AND DID NOT COMMENT ON THE REGIME TO BE ESTABLISHED THERE. ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN MOSCOW TALKS, ELIASSEN UNDERSTANDS THAT DISCUSSION OF THE REGIME IN THE FPZ DID NOT INTERFERE WITH OTHER SUBJECTS DISCUSSED, INCLUDING DISCUSSION OF FISHING IN THE UNDELIMITED BOUNDARY AREA IN THE BARENTS SEA.

3. ELIASSEN SAYS THAT AT THIS TIME NORWAY DOES NOT PLAN FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS ON THE FPZ
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REGIME BEYOND SENDING THEM FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE REGIME AFTER NORWAY CONSULTS WITH THE EEC REGARDING IT. HE ALSO SAID GON WOULD BE REPLYING TO THE SOVIET PROTEST NOTE.
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